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Berlin Diary: A Global Lawfare Conspiracy

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If you took interest in last November's *Smith's Report* discussion of the impending Berlin conference of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJLJ) headlined "Holocaust Denial and Free Speech in the Internet Era," you will be pleased to learn that you can now "attend" the conference. Videos of the full fourteen sessions of the conference have been helpfully uploaded by the IAJLJ not only to their own Web site, but to YouTube as well. Most of the speakers are lawyers, and even those who are not often digress, if only in deference to their presumed audience, into long perorations on technicalities of law and jurisprudence.

I have viewed all fourteen videos in their full length, and here will undertake to guide the curious to which presentations are most interesting and which ones are not worth watching, most of the latter on account of technical glitches which have rendered the soundtrack either difficult to understand or, in some cases, absent altogether. Included with the following recommendations will be, even, tips as to the speakers' accents in English (not the native language of most of them), and further tips to help Anglophones decipher individual peculiarities of pronunciation of certain key, repeated words in the recordings.

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Overall, the proceedings are fascinating not only as to how those who seek to suppress inquiry into Holocaust history plot to do so among themselves, but further how these efforts proceed among the numerous jurisdictions (countries) in which they pursue their agenda. Included among these are Germany, Argentina, Canada, France, and, almost as an afterthought, the United States.

The comparison affords me an opportunity that I, as an American, find quite rare in view of my country's foreign policy these past eleven years: an opportunity to view my country's government, among those of other countries, favorably—even with a modicum of pride. This pleasure arises from a domestic policy that, however assaulted by hostile interests, seems so far to have demonstrated a robustness not to be seen among many other human rights rooted in America's Constitution, namely, freedom of speech.

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What might come of this newfound ability of any/everyman to address a potentially global audience with his own, personal, unsanctioned views is indeed anyone's guess. But the guesses of those who seek to suppress open discussion of the Holocaust are dire indeed, apparently by some sort of fear, which they characterize as the dissemination of "anti-Semitic" sentiments.

Among the presentations may be noted a few that describe the concerted utilization of exactly this new technology for the purpose of disseminating today's dominant views of the history in question. Utilization of this technology enjoys an implicit assumption by both speakers and audience that they themselves are forces for Good, while those of revisionists—among others—are by no means so favored by those foregathered here.

The speakers occasionally refer to talks that preceded theirs. Do not be distracted by such references; in no case are they such that one might miss an important point from not having heard the speech referred to. The speeches are displayed at http://tinyurl.com/87evaz6 on the Web site in the order of their presentation; access them in that order if you seek an experience maximally resembling the experience of attending the conference. If, on the other hand, you might be content to "browse" the speeches according to the pertinence of their content or the accessibility of the speaker, then you may avail yourself of the following list, in which I have attempted, for the purposes of my audience, to present the performances in something like their level of reward for the modal revisionist.

Naama Shik, 35 min. (Israeli), is easily the star of this show. "Enemy" though she is, she conveys not just commitment, but passion in her work, which in no way (she says this) involves opposing or suppressing "Holocaust denial." To the contrary, her program (that of her employer, *Yad Vashem*) entails what may honestly be called counter speech, however a-factual it may actually be. *Yad Vashem* in some ways resembles the Internet itself, in that it *composes* relatively little of its material but rather *relays*, on the Internet and via other media, the contributions of others, typically people who think they're related to people who they think "were murdered" in "the Holocaust." Shik styles this relaying as "education," an arrogation typical not only of her tribe but of her employer and of the country she lives in.

She continually emphasizes a goal on her institution's part to "train" its attendees in individual thought and evaluation of material. Such an agenda, if truly and faithfully followed, can only favor the discoveries of revisionists in the long run, regardless of whether this speaker realizes the fact. Among the startling views she espouses in her engaging presentation is the notion that Germans/Nazis are not soulless monsters, but rather human beings exactly like, as she says, "us." Her talk includes actual samples, with soundtracks, of *Yad Vashem* online material, and so is informative on that score, too.

Eli Hacohen, 47 min. (Israeli), presents an informative historical overview of "Holocaust denial" on the Internet. He is obviously an authority on the subject, for one motivated by concerns rather different from those for whom this newsletter is written. While his facts are selected in accordance with his bias in the matter, they are credible and appear to provide pretty good coverage of the subject. Counter speech does not figure into his subject, and in fact suppression of "Holocaust denial" gets relatively little attention in this report. Accent: he refers to Arthur Butz with sounds that are difficult to recognize as such, and to his institution as "an Illinois university," which provides less of a cue than "Northwestern University" would, at least to those familiar with the seminal work of the godfather of Holocaust revisionism. The speaker has nothing good to say about Dr. Butz or his work, of course. CODOH's name flashes up in his visuals at about 29:35. The name of CODOH's godfather makes no appearance at all, unfortunately.

The **Opening Event**, 15 min. (various), is pretty much formulaic, but it includes a brief talk by a representative of an organization that might have more influence on worldwide opinion than the IAJLJ and Israel put together, Google. Arnd Haller, Legal Director for Northern and Central Europe,

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Fragments: Another Ordinary Life

Bradley R. Smith

*** The CODOH Homepage has been completely restructured. It's a job that began with one volunteer back in 2010, was interrupted a number of times by real life, but now it's up. It's a work-in-progress, as are all Web pages, forever, but it's up and functioning.

What is particularly new about it, other than the design is the search structure. As it stands now we have more than one thousand documents on the site. They were difficult to access on the old page unless you knew where you were going. Not so now. Anyone, even first-timers to the page, will be able to see what is really there, and find what they really want to find. It's a very big step upward for us. I owe a great deal to the original volunteer who began the project, and to those who volunteered one by one to go in with him.

Students, and their professors as well, will now be able to organize their research using CODOH documents in a way they could not until now.

*** Lou Rollins sends me this: "Consider the fact that Adolf Hitler's youth camps taught German youth to hate in elementary school. They were given pets (dogs and cats) to kill to turn the hearts of the innocent to stone. Those young hearts became hard enough to throw live Jewish children into the blazing ovens in the death campus without pain of conscience."

John Hagee, *Can America Survive? Ten Prophetic Signs That We Are the Terminal Generation*, (Simon & Schuster, 2010, p 26).

It is odd for me to learn that this story is still being pursued, even by the wildest of Christian Zionists. I recall one afternoon, probably in the early 1980s, that I visited the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust on Wilshire Boulevard. It was housed in an ordinary two-story building of no particular distinction. There was a large gallery on the second floor, if I recall correctly, with a couple dozen visitors looking at the exhibits, none of which I remember.

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What I do remember is that a nice little old lady was a guide and at one point it seems that we were sitting side by side on a bench, perhaps, and she, smiling sweetly, told me how recruits for the German SS were given puppies at the beginning of their training and at the end of it were obligated to kill the resultant dogs. It was to be a demonstration of their resolve to do what was necessary to Jews. I'd never heard the story before, didn't believe it when the lady told me about it, smiling really sweetly all the while, but I said nothing. Occurs to me now that perhaps I should have said something. Like I evaded my responsibility. Never occurred to me before.

I wrote about this somewhere, sometime. Be interesting to see how memory has modulated the story for me.

*** Paul Nash writes: "In your Fragments section in ***SR 191*** you mention a phrase about 'keep your heads on a swivel,' which you had never heard before. That used to be a very common saying among fighter pilots back in the days when they were still flying airplanes instead of electronic conglomerates with wings."

*** Some 370 educators from 53 countries will have participated in the Eighth International Conference on Holocaust Education on June 18-21 at the International School for Holocaust Studies of Yad Vashem. The Conference is titled: "Telling the Story: Teaching the Core." http://tinyurl.com/6wfylb8

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Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev notes: "We must go back to the core issues of the Shoah: what actually happened in the ghettos, the camps, and during the 'Final Solution ….'"

It is absolutely certain that a free exchange of ideas regarding "core issues" of the Holocaust story, of "what actually happened" during the "Final Solution," will be no part of the "transmission" allowed to occur in any classroom influenced by *Yad Vashem.* Without encouraging such an exchange, *Yad Vashem* demonstrates yet again that its primary role is to serve the interests of the worldwide, multibillion-dollar Holocaust Industry.

This *Yad Vashem* Conference reinforces the obvious, that we have chosen a pivotal place to work—on the university campus, in the classroom, to confront the work of such institutions as *Yad Vashem*, such organizations as Hillel and the ADL via mass mailings to student organizations and university faculty, via announcements and advertisements in student newspapers, and by copying media on everything.

A side note: "The conference is taking place with the generous support of the Asper Foundation, the Adelson Family Foundation and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany." I am going to suppose that the Adelson Family Foundation includes the folk who backed Newt Gingrich's run in the Republican primary. I wonder how much space separates Newt and *Yad Vashem* on such matters as an open debate on the Holocaust question? And thus on Israel iiself?

*** Recently the British Prime Minister David Cameron and his wife had Sunday lunch in a familiar pub and when they left they left behind their 8-year-old daughter. It was a big story in the press there. One wag wrote a nursery rhyme for the occasion:

"Mary had a little lamb, it went out for some grub. It forgot it had a daughter and it left her in the pub."

Reminds me. One day in Hollywood when I went to the Bank of America on the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Highland—it's a souvenir shop now—I took care of my business there and left. I was hardly out on the sidewalk when the Filipino bank guard came out after me saying I had left my baby on the floor beneath the teller's window. That was 1986 and Paloma was maybe four months old. I had left her there on the floor in her portable car seat while I walked out thinking about other things.

What does this demonstrate? I think it's clear. I share certain characteristics of very important men in Western political circles, suggesting that I may yet have a future before me.

*** There were a lot of steps on the road over the last couple months but the long and short of it is—I have cancer again. The lymphoma is back. Did the first chemotherapy session at the VA a week ago. It's left me tired and rather torpid. I lose Euros, leave my debit card in the ATM, and tend to drive past the place where we are going when we run errands. Other than that . . . .

*** Michel Karger writes from Canada: "Hi Bradley. I hardly remember how many years I have read—and really enjoyed—your reports and how many times I enclosed small, tiny *checques* to show you my appreciation, although, as a former German soldier, you should be my 'enemy'. I wish I had one hundred American 'enemies' who could send their kind of Smith Reports to my hopelessly re-educated Germans and help to wake them up."

*** *The following is an excerpt from* Knowing Too Much *by Norman Finkelstein* http://tinyurl.com-/7jm3otm

Although disagreements persist on exactly why American Jews are "distancing" themselves from Israel, it is largely accepted that in recent years a divide has opened up. Indeed, the poll data sampled in this book probably underestimate the depth of this estrangement because of the traditional reticence of Jews to "air dirty laundry in public," and because of their reluctance to acknowledge that Israel no longer touches them as it once did.

The anecdotal evidence on this growing alienation however is hard to miss.

Besides the periodic high profile defections of the likes of Peter Beinart and David Remnick, one can point to the profusion of public testimonials by Jews expressing their disenchantment with Israel, the acid criticism of Israel by influential liberal Jewish bloggers, the indifference of Jews on college campuses to "pro"-Israel events, and the small numbers of Jews attending public rallies in support of Israel at moments of crisis or on commemorative occasions.

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The Crime of Politicizing the Holocaust: Two Decades of Reflection on OSI terror.

Heinz Bartesch

If anyone had any doubt about the power of the Holocaust politics on today's political scene, all one had to do was watch the GOP debates. All candidates, with the exception of Ron Paul, swore their allegiance to Israel and made references to "the people who suffered the Holocaust" and how they deserve our unquestioning support. It was Newt Gingrich who recently told Floridians that "allowing Iran to get nuclear weapons ... runs the direct risk of a second Holocaust. That is a fact."

Then there were Netanyahu's repetitive speeches to AIPAC and Congress claiming that the Holocaust gives them special privileges. Clearly, the goal of politicizing the Holocaust has paid off in major dividends for AIPAC and Israel. Of course, I'm not the first to make such a claim. As your readers likely know, Norman Finkelstein's *The Holocaust Industry* details at great length how it's been used for political gain. Finkelstein's parents were both "survivors."

But I digress.

I realized very early on in our case against my father, Martin Bartesch, that the cases bought by the OSI against its defendants had nothing to do with justice and everything to do with politics. All one has to do is review and consider the special circumstances under which the OSI came about, how it's been run (and by whom!), and most notably, reading the Holtzman Amendment (PL 95-549) which enacted the law that created the OSI—a law which was in many ways an *ex post facto* law targeting a very small minority of citizens (thereby unconstitutional!). None the less, for crimes that were committed on another continent involving none of its own citizenry. It's interesting that only in 1998 did the OSI expand its boundaries to include Imperial Japanese "war crimes".

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I believe most honest Americans would be appalled if they understood the nature of the PL 95-549, how it was crafted to allow OSI to submit claims against as broad a net as possible and to prevent any real due process. To begin with, the law "renders ineligible for a visa any alien who participated in the persecution of any person because of race, religion, national origin, or political opinion during the period from March 23, 1933, to May 8, 1945, under the direction of or in association with the Nazi Government of Germany or an allied or occupied government."

You'll note that the law clearly targets a small group of individuals. This is the first bill where a restrictive immigration interpretation was applied retroactively and thereby violating civil liberties of its defendants! Where's the ACLU?

The law was enacted under Civil Law for many reasons, not the least being that there is a much lower standard of proof and less burden on the government. I believe the real crime is that PL95-549 doesn't define what participation in persecution is! It's left as broad as possible for the sole reason of allowing OSI to go after men who were simply at the wrong place at the wrong time. You have a situation where a broad net is thrown over mostly poor immigrants with limited education and resources fighting a government agency that doesn't have normal judiciary responsibilities and clearly has a set political agenda!

I believe most Americans are for true justice which does not discriminate against anyone by race, religion, or national heritage! Should not all laws be applied to all people? For instance, should not Israelis who served in the Israeli Defense Forces and committed atrocities (crimes against humanity) against native Palestinians and are now living happily in the US (with dual citizenship none the less) be

eligible for prosecution under this law? Did they not, at the very least, participate in persecution? Again, most Americans would understand this logic.

However, most Americans don't understand the onerous implications of this law. Thanks to our controlled media and judicial system, the public only believes what it is told. The current "educating" of university students with the curriculum supplied by the USHMM is a classic example of how our society is being duped into believing that what our government has done through the OSI is fair and just.

Yet, one only has to do a little investigation to understand how criminal these cases have been and to also recognize the deception and outright fraud that was committed by the OSI. A quick study into the cases of Andrija Artukovic, John Demjanjuk, Frank Wallus, and even honorary NASA scientist Arthur Rudolph, would be enough to convince any fair-minded person that the real terror was committed *on* the OSI defendants and their families and the real persecution was being perpetrated by the OSI! I won't go into great details on these cases as I suspect your readers may already be at least somewhat familiar with the painful facts. Certainly the most famous of all, that of Ukrainian John Demjanjuk, needs little advertisement.

However, your readers may not know much about my father's case other than what they read in last month's newsletter. A quick recap: Martin was the fourth of five boys born on a farm in Transylvania, Romania. At the age of 16 he was conscripted into the Waffen SS, the *only* division which non-Germans could be in. He served as a perimeter guard at Mauthausen for approximately three weeks in '43 before being dispatched to sub-camp Linz III where he guarded work crews doing road repair. He was dispatched shortly thereafter and sent to the Eastern front where he was injured and subsequently captured by the Russians. As a prisoner of war, several Austrian members of his platoon convinced him to not let the Russians know he was from Romania or his death sentence would have been swift. After release from prison, he found his way to a refugee camp in Austria where other fleeing Transylvania Saxons were. This is where he met my mother and where my sister and I were born. In 1955 we immigrated, legally, through the aid of the Lutheran Church. Upon entering, Martin did not lie on his immigration form; he clearly stated that he was in the *Prinz Eugen* Division of the Waffen SS from July of 1943 until war's end.

For over three decades my parents were law-abiding citizens who raised their three children (Martin Jr was born in Chicago) as Americans first! I'll save the details of the nightmare that began when OSI knocked on my parents' door in 1986 and served them papers charging my father with "personally assisting in the deaths of tens of thousands of people" and for lying on his immigration forms. I'm sure your readers can imagine the horror that ensued once the Chicago media picked up the story. Death threats became a daily occurrence.

My siblings and I were also blindsided! I recall my ex-wife telling me that once the judge found out exactly what my father did and didn't do, and once all the facts were presented, my father would be cleared and exonerated. That was the thought of most people who knew my father and understood what was going on.

Unfortunately, there was to be no such justice. It became very apparent, very quickly, that these cases had nothing to do with justice. While my father's case was being prosecuted, we watched in horror as Artukovic and Demjanjuk were being forced from the country. In doing my own research, with help and support from a good friend and attorney, Andrew Allen, the harsh reality of what we were up against became mind-boggling.

However, I was determined to do what I could to expose this injustice. Completely unsolicited by Andrew Allen or myself, we started receiving documents which were being discarded by the OSI. What these documents told was a much different story than the one the media was telling based on OSI feeds. Of course, OSI was unaware of the fact we had these documents (similar documents had been leaked to the Demjanjuk family).

Having these documents gave us a distinct advantage when we filed our Freedom of Information Act claim, and we could measure the degree of OSI's compliance (United States District Court, Northern District of California Civil No. 88-1795 EFL). Not knowing we had so many leaked documents, the OSI chose not to reveal any of the exculpatory evidence or anything damaging to their image. In doing so, they violated the law and committed fraud upon the court! The Judge had no option other than to rule in our favor and the OSI was required to pay for our legal fees. Of course, it's not every day that a private citizen wins any kind of legal

action against the government! One would think that this fact would have had reporters from all the major media outlets rushing to our door to get the inside scoop. That just wasn't going to happen as the facts took away from the image the OSI wanted to present. And now, they have the ultimate chutzpah to use my father's case as "education"!

What the documents we have did reveal is:

1. The OSI hid witness testimony that conditions were very mild at the sub-camp where my father guarded work crews
2. They hid the evidence that detainees had not seen any beatings nor even heard of any abuse of prisoners.
3. They concealed the evidence that the prisoner my father shot, Max Ochshorn, a Frenchman, was incarcerated for forgery, which makes him a criminal rather than a "victim of persecution."
4. They added language to the roll list to try and connect my father with the operation of Mauthausen.
5. And, perhaps most damaging, they collected the names of all the people who were writing letters in defense of dad, and then contemplated "investigating" (i.e., taking action against) them!!

Also, what we did not know at the time as it was not leaked to us, nor presented in the FOIA documents, was that then President Carter had handwritten a note to then OSI Director Neal Sher asking if "perhaps special considerations be made in this (my fathers) case"!! It seems that President Carter actually read the letter of appeal my sister wrote and it made so much sense to him that he took it upon himself to write to Sher!

Neal Sher

Can you imagine that a Director of an agency which President Carter created when he signed PL 95-549 into law, would not abide by the President's request!! He had President Carter to thank for his job. Not only did Neal Sher not abide by Carter's request, he saved the letter and decided to use it against him when the Nobel Peace Prize recipient wrote *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid* in 2007. Sher tried to make the claim that because Carter wished to intervene on my father's behalf, he most assuredly must be anti-Semitic. Talk about politicizing justice!

Of course, I'm certain that the USHMM curriculum that is being forced upon unknowing students doesn't mention, as Scott Johnson did in his PowerPoint blog, that: "Reliance on Sher's word is, to say the least, problematic. Sher is simply not a credible source. In 2003 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit disbarred Sher for his admitted 'unauthorized reimbursements' of travel expenses from the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, where he had served as chief of staff."

Seems one can be disbarred for stealing shekels from Holocaust survivors, but not for committing fraud in US Courts!

I believe that now-deceased but well-known author and humanitarian Kurt Vonnegut said it best when he wrote me a handwritten note (08/1987) saying that "The only injustices which are attacked and rectified are those which are unpopular. Your father was a victim of a popular injustice, based on show biz oversimplification of history. I'm afraid too, that members of my own profession are the creators and merchandisers of the junk history which hurt your father so, and teach again and again that weaklings forgive and real men get revenge."

Vonnegut also wrote (in 04/89) that "the biggest barrier against justice for your father is the universal and absolute certainty that anyone who was in uniform at a Nazi concentration camp cannot possibly be a member of the human race."

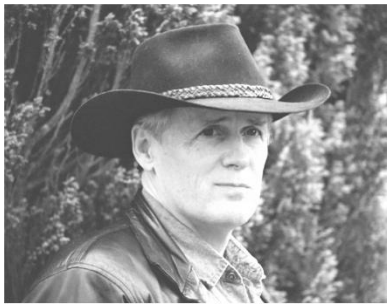
There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that my father was a victim. Not only was he an innocent victim of WW2, having been caught in the middle of two warring nations that he and his fellow Saxons had no interest in, he was a victim of an overzealous government agency that was set up for the sole purpose of politicizing the Holocaust. An agency that has spent well over 250MIL (conservative estimate) to prosecute one small minority of its population and not allowing them due process of law.

Canada tosses out Section 13 — Internet 'Hate Speech' law

By Michael Hoffman

Both of the following reports from the establishment media in Canada are defective. They omit the role of lawyer Doug Christie in battling for free speech in Canada for more than 25 years. This is an enormous omission in that British Columbia's Christie, together with Ontario attorney Barbara Kulaszka and independent activists Paul Fromm and Marc Lemire, has fought most assiduously for the civil liberties of Canadians. Christie has been constantly harassed and threatened, and pilloried in the media. While the media prefer to showcase as Canada's principal poster-boy for Internet freedom, Ezra Levant, who publicized Danish anti-Muhammad cartoons, the main victims of this Zionist "Section 13" law have been "Holocaust" revisionist Ernst Zundel, Marc Lemire, Terry Tremaine, Heritage Front, Catholic Insight Magazine, and Canadian Liberty Net, in addition to hundreds of thousands of Canadian Internet users who have been intimidated by the Stalinist "Section 13" of Canada's "human rights" law.

A couple of caveats: with Section 13 gone, the Canadian Criminal Code itself continues to provide for up to two years in jail for "spreading hate against identifiable groups" (with the exception of identifiable German, Palestinian and Christian groups who can be hated to the full measure of Zionist fury without fear of prosecution). The difference between Section 13 prosecution and prosecution under the Criminal Code is that under the latter, prosecution must be initiated by a provincial attorney general, whereas under the now defunct Section 13, the "Human Rights" commissars themselves could begin



Doug Christie

a prosecution on flimsy grounds and in hearings in which truth was not a defense (!).

Second, Haroon Siddiqui of *The Star*, who is, unfortunately, in favor of censorship, nonetheless has some sobering words for those, now conferring on Canada's hypocritical neocon Conservative politicians, laurel wreaths of freedom for having eliminating Section 13: "Those hailing the death of Section 13 as a victory for free speech include many of the same people who routinely muzzle those whose views they do not like. They delayed the entry of Al Jazeera English (television) to Canada. They pressure universities to shut down the annual Apartheid Week that highlights the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. The Harperites cancelled federal grants to Kairos, the ecumenical Christian aid group, as well as to the Canadian Arab Federation and Palestine House, because they would not toe Ottawa's (Zionist) foreign policy line..."

Furthermore, wherever lawyers are steeped in conformity to the legal standards of the British Commonwealth of Nations, freedom of speech is abridged. Here in the U.S. a New Zealand–trained attorney has written a book, *The Harm in Hate Speech*, published by Harvard University and endorsed by former Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, which insinuates that opponents of Talmudism and Zionism should be prosecuted in the U.S. and speech should be regulated. A characteristic of the rabbinic/ Talmudic mentality is the delegitimization of opposition. Radical contradiction is not tolerated by Talmudic rabbis and their epigones (though the *appearance* of dissent is essential to the p.r. image of their tyranny). At present the First Amendment is unassailable, but let U.S. intelligence stage another 9/11 type of "terrorist outrage," and the resulting panic and stampede of fear may very well result in "national security" abridgements to our Bill of Rights, such as were in place after America's entry into the First and Second World Wars; and

since the "War on Terror" is perpetual, any such abridgements would likely be permanent. *The Harm in Hate Speech* helps to prepare the path to the overthrow of our God-given rights.

By all means let us lift a glass to the Canadians who may now use the Internet with less fear, but at the same time we must remain vigilant concerning the threat to our own precious rights in these United States.

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Google Germany, is assuredly not a partisan in the subject at hand, at least so far as his organizational affiliation (and his apparent ethnicity, for that matter) is concerned. Haller's talk, larded as it was with genial platitudes and pious proclamations, steered clear entirely of the notion of suppression/censorship. To the contrary, his emphasis was, as might be expected, on what might be regarded as Google's "product," counter speech. He said the best way to counter "bad speech" was with "good speech." For all his selfish motivations in so saying, his pronouncement to this effect was nonetheless heartening to this lover of speech-in-general and the freedom to disseminate it, whatever it might be. He refrained even from intoning devotion to "free speech," which, in fact, all the other participants did as well.

Nimrod Kozlovski, 38 min. (Israeli): The subject is hacking, and exclusively that hacking done in support of "Holocaust denial." He makes no mention of hacking *against* "Holocaust denial," of which there are many examples, the fruits of some of which remain enshrined to this day on the Web site of Wikileaks. This speaker is a salesman for his employer, an Israeli cyber security supplier, but that fact chiefly seems to imbue his presentation with rather more feeling and content, however partisan its thrust might be (his employer's Web site, unfortunately for Anglophones, is only in Hebrew). He discusses famous hacking events against Israel and sites advancing propaganda in that country's interests. He notes that most hacking in the world seems to be done by and to governments, and within that ambit, among military and espionage organizations, among which Israel's Mossad receives mention in connection with its famous StuxNet initiative directed against networks in Iran associated with that country's nuclear-energy activities. He goes into considerable detail as to Turkish and Iranian efforts to hack various Israeli targets, official and private alike. Otherwise, his references unfortunately tend to be abstract, rather than detailing actual cases. Accent: his attempts to say "myth" sound like "meet."

Christopher Wolf's 27 min. (American) talk is interesting primarily since he is the only speaker who addresses the American situation. In the context of the talks concerning other countries, his country truly sounds like the "land of the free," however much effective suppression frank discussion of Holohistory actually encounters there. He argues, perhaps in the context of his own country, that law just doesn't work well for the purpose of suppressing revisionism. At no point does he express the slightest approval of the American tradition of free speech, though he makes frequent reference to it. The best thing he has to say about this crucial human right is that it affords a certain amount of relief to enforcement agencies, which in its absence would face an ultimately insuperable challenge in circumscribing it to any "useful" extent. One of his arguments against the use of law takes the peculiar form of noting that when legal countermeasures fail, they erode respect for law in general, and so such measures, when undertaken, must be so constituted and pursued as to have devastating effect against the target. He suggests that (extralegal) pressures on Yahoo, Google, and other such central actors offer promise of the "desired" results outside the framework of law-based initiatives. He also advocates education (indoctrination), without specifying whether this should be prescribed by law, as it in fact is in many American states. He describes his exchanges with Deborah Lipstadt in which she expresses her famous

(and evidently genuinely felt) aversion to government censorship.

TatjianaHörnle, 28 min. (German), provides an informative history of the stepwise criminalization of "Holocaust denial" in Germany, giving the impression that a "tide" of such speech is rising in her country and that the government goes about plugging holes in the dike it has erected to contain it as each in turn begins to gush undesired speech. This speaker is comparatively detached about her subject, betraying no particular personal dedication to the goal of suppressing the proscribed expression. In fact, on one seemingly minor point, she makes so bold as to reveal a personal inclination (carefully described as such) in favor of liberality. She makes it clear that in Germany, at least on this topic, the courts have acquired the habit of decreeing what is historically true and what is false, and suppresses any personal objection she might harbor to this development. Her account clearly depicts the incremental process by which disapproved historical speculations have been made criminal offenses in the host country for the conference. She describes legal issues in terms readily accessible to interested laypersons, in particular the knotty issues of jurisdiction encountered in, among other cases, that of the late John Demjanjuk.

Juliana Wetzel, 28 min. (German): This legal scholar, who says she is not in fact a lawyer, undertakes to refute an earlier speaker's remark that "hundreds" of Holocaust-denial trials have occurred in Germany, asserting that such trials in fact barely exceed a dozen. Of course, her count necessarily omits those hundreds of cases, many contemplating a sentence of death, involving "war criminals" in which the defense, if only permitted to, would undoubtedly have adduced devastating evidence to the effect that the alleged crimes had in fact never even been committed. Wetzel mounts the conference's most pointed attacks on "soft denial," that very widespread form of revisionism that is based on solid scholarship backed up by traceable, often incontrovertible evidence such as that practiced by Ernst Nolte, on whose work she dwells at some length. She further attacks the "relativization" exemplified by the work of David Irving, James Bacque, and many others, which compare the toll of the Holocaust with that of the vast and numerous war crimes committed by the Allies in their campaign against Germany. This speaker, who emphatically claims a "trademark" on the word "holocaust" on the part of those advertising German wartime atrocities against Jews, coins a term that should arouse keen interest in readers of this newsletter: "secondary anti-Semitism." By this term, she refers to the anti-Jewish feelings that understandably arise in persons discovering the falsity of much of the Holocaust publicity in which the western world is soaked every day, day after day.

Sergey Lagodinsky, 35 min. (German), gives a legalistic, but interesting, account of the ongoing government campaign in Germany against expression of any sort of modulation in evaluation of the characters or accomplishments of individual National Socialists. He explains that National Socialist sympathies on the part of a speaker might make speech on his part criminal, that might not be criminal on the part of a person not suspected of harboring National Socialist sympathies—the closest approach to true "thought crime" described in this conference. While his accent is accessible to Anglophones, his pronunciation of "honor" sounds like "orner," which provided considerable puzzlement until I managed to decode it. He describes the development of annual demonstrations centering on the grave of Rudolf Hess in Wunsiedel and a progression of legal measures against them, never once mentioning the ultimate resolution of the matter by physical disinterment of Hess's remains and their cremation and dispersal at sea, à la Osama bin Laden's.

Stephen Rothman, 35 min. (Australian): This speaker is but one in a succession of speakers from countries other than the US who speak of the need to balance the right to free speech against a right not to be offended or disturbed. The latter "right," fortunately, is nowhere to be found in the Bill of Rights, but initiatives for "hate speech" laws are in fact based on assertions of such a right, often in favor of tiny minorities whose offense is evidenced by nothing more than their own declaration that they are offended, and by still less on the part of members of the putatively offended minority who have failed for one reason or another to complain. Rothman describes how such arguments, now ensconced firmly in Australian legislation and judicial precedent, have severely eroded Australians' ability and

willingness to speak their minds. His talk includes a good deal of interesting Australian history that has nothing in particular to do with "Holocaust denial." The latest issue of the IAJLJ's *Justice* magazine (http://tinyurl.com/85san7d) carries an article by Rothman that closely parallels this speech, for those who prefer reading to listening. The magazine contains some other coverage of the conference, including articles by other speakers, noted below.

Marc Levy, 24 min. (French): English comes with difficulty to this Frenchman's tongue, though he makes his effort with good humor, if not charm. He quotes Himmler's supposed 1943 speech at Posen by way of proving that the National Socialists intended their supposed genocidal project to remain forever undocumented. He details the lamentable situation in France, in which ISPs are subject to prosecution if they fail to remove material identified to them (Levy does not specify by whom) as violating the noxious Gayssot Law against "Holocaust denial." This *alter Kämpfer* mentions that he participated in the prosecutions of the 1970s against his countryman Robert Faurisson. In wearing a yarmulke, this speaker projected his Jewishness more than any other speaker, though his intentions may have been as much devotional as proclamatory. For all his disquisitions on the vigor of the French suppression campaign, he admitted that law is ultimately no more than a deterrent, and no sort of cure for the social tendencies giving rise to this conference.

David Matas, 17 min. (Canadian): This short speech is devoted extensively to the case of erstwhile Canadian Ernst Zündel, and otherwise to the straitened circumstances of free expression in Canada. His long and legalistic article in the current issue of *Justice* probably encompasses his talk.

The speeches of **Marcos Grabivker** (Argentine), **Rodrigo Luchinsky** (Argentine), and **Matthias Küntzel** (German) are unfortunately badly garbled and outright missing in the audio, and so are not recommended for those having a less than compelling interest in the material. Fortunately, Grabivker has a long article in the current issue of *Justice* that likely encompasses the material in the two Argentines' talks. Küntzel's talk focuses on "Holocaust denial" by Muslims and Muslim institutions.

Knesset Speaker Reuven Rivlin said that the discussion of the genocide, promoted by MK Zahava Gal-On (Meretz), was not connected to the current strained relations between Israel and Turkey, the source writes.

Rivlin also told Globes: "As Jews, and as human beings, we cannot ignore this issue and we must not turn away from our commitment to morality… As [a country] struggling in the international arena with Holocaust denial, we cannot deny the tragedy of another people."

In December 2011, the Knesset Education Committee discussed the Armenian genocide for the first time. Gal-On, who also initiated that discussion, said then: "For years, Israel always took into account its relations with Turkey. That is the central issue in terms of recognition of the murder of the Armenian people, which has yet to take place in Israel's Knesset," Haaretz.com wrote.

Holocaust Denial: Assaults on Collective Memory Becloud Europe's Future

Rabbi Abraham Cooper

[I am quoting extensively here from the article published on 17 May in The Huffington Post*—see* http://tinyurl.com/7a7e7gp*—to demonstrate the growing reach of revisionist scholarship throughout the world via the Internet. And how the "rabbis', in the university, the media, and the US Congress, depend on vindication rather than investigation to support their obsessions. There was a time when these folk would actually appear on radio with me, but that stopped years ago. Too many people in any radio or open-to-the-public audience have too many questions to ask about so much fraud and*

nonsense. In the 1980s and early 90s, we were just beginning to make the questions known. Rabbi Cooper actually appeared on one radio show with me in the mid-80s. We even had a few words together off-air. Never again!]

[Excerpted and highlighted]

Simon Wiesenthal said the history of mankind is a history of crimes. No crime in the annals of history has been as well documented—by the perpetrators, bystanders, interveners and victims—as Nazi Germany's Final Solution, the state-sponsored genocide that systematically murdered 6 million European Jews. Against this backdrop, along with the proliferation of Holocaust museums, memorials, books and films**, how do we account for the growing phenomenon of Holocaust revisionism and denial?**

Let's look briefly at the breadth and depth of this crime against memory and decency:

Speaking in an interview on the Mega TV network, Nikolaos Michaloliakos—head of the neo-Nazi "Golden Dawn" party, winner of 21 seats in the new **Greek Parliament**—declares: "There were no ovens. This is a lie. I believe that it is a lie," said Michaloliakos. "There were no gas chambers either."

In **Germany**, where a *Stern* magazine poll shows that 21 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds do not know that Auschwitz was a Nazi death camp and nearly a third are unaware that it is located in Poland, Nobel Literature Laureate Günter Grass—a teenage SS member who's now reverted to form—draws applause for condemning Israel's genocidal plot against Iran (!) while retrospectively positioning his own generation's "willing executioners" as innocent victims of the Second World War.

In **Hungary**, Márton Gyöngyösi, Hungarian MP and leader in the far-right Jobbik party, during an interview with the *London Jewish Chronicle*, asked whether Jews "have the right to talk about what happened during the Second World War," given Israel's "Nazi system." When asked about the 400,000 Hungarian Jews deported to Auschwitz, Gyöngyösi exploded: "Me, should I say sorry for this when 70 years later, I am still reminded on the hour, every hour about it? Let's get over it, for Christ's sake," adding, "It has become a fantastic business to jiggle around with the numbers" of dead Jews. As for Holocaust survivors seeking restitution for their families' stolen property, he retorted, "This money-searching is playing with fire in Hungary."

Given the growing mainstream clout of three-piece neo-Nazis, it should come as no surprise that Nazi war criminal Dr. Sandor Kepiro—facing trial after his return to Budapest from Buenos Aires for the massacre of 1,200 Jews, Serbs and Gypsies—sued Simon Wiesenthal Center's Nazi hunter Efraim Zuroff for libel with the support of Hungary's growing fascist movement.

In **Lithuania**, where more than 93 percent of the country's Jewish citizens were murdered during the Holocaust, former Foreign Minister Vygaudas Ušackas categorized the Nazi occupation of Lithuania, with which many Lithuanians collaborated, as "a respite from the Communists while the Nazis were in control." This year, on Lithuanian Independence Day, 300 neo-Nazis marched through the Center of Kaunas. They were addressed by five Parliament members, including three belonging to Lithuania's ruling Homeland Union party.

Iran's Mullahtocracy continues to make Holocaust Denial-and-Inversion (the Holocaust didn't happen and Israelis are today's Nazis) the centerpiece of their soon-to-be-nuclear regime's "wipe Israel from the map" statecraft. So far, no western democracy—not Germany, where Holocaust denial is illegal, not France, Great Britain, nor even the United States—has deigned to challenge Tehran's pre-genocidal bigotry at the U.N. or any other international venue.

The last barrier to respectability and empowerment for Europe's xenophobic extremists is the dimming collective memory of what Nazism wrought upon humankind a generation ago.

Holocaust denial is no longer merely the domain of pseudo-intellectuals, assorted Jew-haters and Middle East tyrants; it is the key to deconstructing the last barrier to rehabilitation and political power for Hitler's heirs.

In our time, it is the younger generations, not yesterday's victims, who have to take up the daunting challenge to thwart genocidal fanatics in Tehran, racist thugs and election-winning bigots across Europe. **The collective assault on historic truth is underway, one that extends from the parliaments of Budapest and Athens to the online domains of Facebook and YouTube.** Should that assault be successful, it could set the stage for future atrocities—and not only against Jews.

Historian Dr. Harold Brackman contributed to this essay.

The Suffering of Second, Third, and Fourth Generation Survivors of a Horrifying Death

Shafar Nullifidian

As I, with heart breaking, recall the story, my Uncle Arthur was only 14 years old when he was struck and killed by a taxi cab careening down the street, the driver more than likely having been drinking and harboring a deep-seated hatred for bicycle riders. I never knew my Uncle Arthur, no doubt the victim of a hate-filled cab driver. I can only guess how old dear Artie would be today. Ninety-five? One hundred? One hundred ten?

I really miss my Uncle Arthur. My two younger brothers, Peter and Francis, and my sister Eleanor also miss their Uncle Arthur. Francis's middle name is Arthur in memory of our dear Uncle Arthur. My grown children and the children of my siblings and our children's children also miss Arthur. We stand today as victims of an irrational hateful cab driver who manifested an inherently callous disregard for human life in general and particularly bicycle riders throughout the nation and the world. There cannot and should not be the slightest doubt or hesitancy to admit that the Nullifidian Clan is entitled to recurring recompense.

Trust me, there were neighbors who witnessed the tragedy of my uncle's horrible death, his mangled bicycle, his blood soaked clothing, his plaintive, begging, "Help, do not let me die here in the street," as the blood bubbled from his throat, his last words sounding with a heart wrenching gurgle. I can imagine the fiendish gleeful expression on that evil cab driver's face and his sneering smile.

Should not a foundation be established in Arthur's name? Cab drivers and their employers should be required to make contributions to build lasting memorial monuments in Arthur's memory. I intend to have a memorial museum (The Holy Arthur Memorial Museum) built which will house the drawings he made in first grade, his report cards, and other memorabilia. My Grandmother would always remind me when she visited.

"Wow, such a genius was that boy, you wouldn't believe!"

I'll display the little white suit he wore at his First Holy Communion. The family was proud as we celebrated that momentous holy occasion.

"Maybe he'll be a priest," one said.

Grandfather spoke and they listened.

"Not a priest, but a bishop!"

But it was Grandmother who took the prize for pride in the six-year-old boy genius, her Communion Boy, Arthur,

"No, not just a bishop... but a cardinal! A Doctor of the Faith and then... and then... Pope!"

We gasped! There was a silence that seemed to muffle every other sound except that of the word Pope which miraculously echoed off the walls and throughout every room in the house, and then the cheering began.

"Pope Arthur! Pope Arthur! Pope Arthur!"

When the family gathered their composure, Arthur began opening his Communion gifts. There were rosary beads in a nice leather pouch; a Latin/English missal so Arthur could follow along with the priest at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation; it also would help in his training to be an Altar Boy. There was a beautiful crucifix on a shiny neck chain and pewter St. Christopher, the Patron Saint of Safe Traveling emblem.

Arthur was so anxious to put the emblem on his bicycle, he had Rev. Fr. Garabedian bless all his gifts before school the very next day and attached the St. Christopher emblem to his bicycle. That cherished emblem was on his bicycle when the cab driver killed him. A caring and pious neighbor, who witnessed the tragedy, saw the emblem lying in the street, next to the crumbled body, rushed out and placed it in Arthur's bloody hand. She watched as his hand clutched the emblem tightly and his last breath left him. And she sobbed quietly while casting a knowing glance of derision and disgust at the demonic cab driver responsible for crushing out the life of this sweet young boy .... boy genius and saint to be....

The rosary, Latin/English missal, and the crucifix on the silver chain will all be on display in The HAMM. We plan to have the crumpled bicycle bronzed and

prominently displayed near the entrance into which will be carved:

Who Could Forget

Arthur was one of nine children, all but two of whom married and raised families as did their offspring and as did their offspring after them. The pain and suffering endured by Uncle Arthur as he lay dying in the street is shared and is endured in the hearts and minds of the numberless kin of dear Uncle Arthur to this day and will leave our hearts ever scarred unto future generations of Nullifidians.

Only the most cruel and heartless of misanthropic, atavistic, hate-mongering anti-Nullifidian anti–bicycle riderists would characterize my people as mercenary, money-grubbing, scheming, and narcissistic.

(Other than Arthur, the given names of the foregoing survivors have been changed to protect them from being further victimized by cab drivers and cab driver wannabees.)

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…. unlike in the past, when much of scholarship could fairly be described as Exodus with foot-notes, a huge gap has now opened up between media-promoted pab-ulum, on the one hand, and the findings of respected scholars and human rights activists, many of them Jewish and Israeli, on the other.

Meanwhile, the hitherto reliable tactics of invoking The Holocaust and dismissing the bearers of bad news as anti-Semites (or self-hating Jews) are proving less efficacious as the Holocaust industry increasingly becomes an object of derision, and the number and respectability of these bearers of bad news steadily mounts. Can it be credibly sustained that so many respected Israeli historians and journalists, so many respected legal scholars, judges and human rights organizations, so many forums of world public opinion are all driven by a common and collusive loathing of Jews?

*** This morning Irene and I drove over to the local optician to have a lens put back into the frame of my reading glasses. Driving back, about 10am I suppose, I found that I could not speak Spanish. The tongue felt swollen and clumsy. Still driving along the few blocks to the house I found I could not do English either. It was like I had a football in my mouth. It was a little comic, in my own ear I sounded like an idiot—Abraham, that's not a straight line!—but by the time we reached the house I knew something was wrong. Going inside I was unsteady as well.

I called the VA to ask if it might have anything to do with the chemotherapy session I had completed the week before and was told no, it did not, and that I should either see a doctor immediately or call 911. Meanwhile Irene had left the house with Magaly to pay the electricity bill and run some errands. Magaly was visiting. Paloma and I got in the Jeep and she drove me to the utilities office where we caught Irene and Magaly. The four of us stood there in the parking lot to decide what to do. Go to emergency here, or drive to the other side to the VA, as that is where all my paperwork is. It's a four-hour trip maybe, but we decided on the VA. Glad we did. Magaly drove.

To cut a long story short, I'd had a stroke. At the VA there was immediate entrance into Emergency followed by all kinds of tests using expensive machinery, a cat scan, an MRI, various neurologists, an exam of the carotid arteries in the neck and so on. They have no idea why it happened, but there is a lesion on the right side of the brain about one centimeter in diameter. I had no neurological problems other than the loss of the ability to pronounce words and express thought (Abraham and his folk will have the opportunity now to point out that expressing thought has always been difficult for me). It was interesting in that I had no problem understanding what the others said. It was only that I could not respond.

On the third day it was clear that my speaking problems were righting themselves and by the fifth I was pretty well back to normal. The ladies picked me up and we went back to Baja, stopping to eat noodle soup at a Vietnamese restaurant in San Diego. It was all rather exhausting. I made a crack about how it was a real bother going through the chemotherapy and having a stroke in the middle of it—it sounded so excessive. I think Magaly laughed. Irene, for her part, does not find any of this very amusing. It's been eight days.

I feel fine, other than needing a lot naps etc.

Got an email from Carlos. He asked how I was feeling. The reply I typed out struck me as comic. Literally. I sat here at the machine and laughed out loud.

I had written: "How am I feeling? Well, I'm doing chemotherapy for the cancer, and last week I had a stroke."

I thought not to send it, but went ahead, adding an apology, and an explanation about the laughing.

*** The evening we stopped at the Vietnamese restaurant for Pho, a rice noodle soup, I could not help but notice that all the young men on the floor were taller than me. Some about six foot. I caught the attention of a young man with glasses who stood much taller than me. I said: "Excuse me. But are you folk Vietnamese or Chinese?"

He said: "Vietnam. We all Vietnam."

"I ask because when I was in Vietnam I was taller than the Vietnamese. Now all you guys are taller than me."

Laughing, with a poorly enunciated English, he said: "Everything changes." Later, during the soup, we exchanged grins several times.

*** Heinz Bartesch writes: "By the way, the daughter of Anton Titjung, another OSI victim from Wisconsin, called me today to let me know her father just passed away and they'll be burying him soon. She said she won't be able to sleep at nights unless she does something to tell the story of how her family was abused by OSI/DOJ. She reached out to me to ask if perhaps ALL the families of OSI persecution should get together to write a book. Of course, I love the idea—if each and every family could tell their story, what a compelling case it would make!"

(Agreed. I wonder what we can do about it?)

*** Irit Kohn, President of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, writes that "In accordance with our charter, our Association focuses on issues that are of critical importance to the Jewish people, chief of which is the fight against racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, **Holocaust denial** and delegitimization of the State of Israel."

*** Barack Obama's memoir, *Dreams From My Father*, was published in 1995. I do not remember its publication. Now, in a new biography, *Barack Obama: The Story* by David Maraniss, questions are raised about the accuracy of the president's account and delivers fresh revelations about his pot-smoking in high school and college and his girlfriends in New York City. I don't care about that stuff.

But in his memoir Obama describes how his grandfather, Hussein Onyango, was imprisoned and tortured by British troops during the fight for Kenyan independence. But that did not happen, according to five associates of Onyango interviewed by Maraniss. In short, Obama lied.

In his memoir Obama wrote that his Indonesian stepfather, Soewarno Martodihardjo, was killed by Dutch soldiers during Indonesia's fight for independence. That also did not happen, according to Maraniss. In short, Obama lied.

What catches my attention about each is that it exploits race and historical events to build his own public persona, looking forward to a career in government where he will fundamentally change the country he would like to govern. Telling stories about girl friends and blowing weed is one thing, but inventing stories about heroic relatives, father figures, who died fighting the White man, lying about them, is truly—I was going to write "ignoble," but it's just cheap.

*** French-Cameroonian comedian, actor, and political provocateur Dieudonné M'bala M'bala's new film *L'Antisémite* was officially banned by the Cannes Film Festival. One wonders why that would be? Perhaps this except from a very good review in *The New York Times* gives us a hint.

"The opening 2-minute skit of the film consists of a Chaplinesque newsreel narration set during the liberation of Auschwitz in 1945. The quivering, grabby hand of a pinstriped inmate extends out from behind barbed wire as the emaciated survivor jostles with a fleshy cigar-smoking capo for attention from the camera. Dieudonné arrives dressed as an American sergeant and throws scraps of food at the beggar, commanding him with a hearty laugh and flash cards to '*Mange! Bouffe!*' ('Eat! Grub!')

"The prisoner then reveals the existence of the gas chambers to Dieudonné. As a kitten laps up liquid from a Zyklon B canister, Dieudonné sniffs at the canister suspiciously and then dabs some on his neck like cologne. Together they sift through the ashes of a barbecue pit. 'Chicken?' the skeptical Dieudonné asks. 'No, those

are children's bones,' the prisoner tells him.

"Dieudonné proceeds to sit on a leather chair only to be yelled at by the prisoner 'for sitting on my grandmother!' He picks up a chandelier and asks if it too was made of Jewish skin. '*Bien sûr*,' replies the prisoner before Dieudonné plops it over his head and electrifies him as if in a cartoon. The film also features guest appearances by the aged Holocaust denier Robert Faurisson . . . ."

Revisionism on the world stage?

*** One day—**one day only**—in the ordinary life of a Holocaust revisionist activist. An odd confluence of events. You already know about the cancer and the stroke. That sets the scene for this one day. First then: Roberto, my right-hand man here for two years plus, got sick six weeks ago, is not able to work, and is no longer with me. I'm alone now with the work load for outreach. Our primary Webmaster, a European, has had a stroke and I cannot make contact with him. That may be coincidence, but I'm worried. He is the primary key to all the technology with CODOHWeb. Our name for him is "All Knowing." The new CODOH site, which is really rather extraordinary, is down. When I, or any of us, attempt to log on to CODOH.com we are presented with a message in big letters across the screen reading FORBIDDEN. Today there is $230 in the CODOH-Smith bank account. My wife will have to make a four hour trip to the other side to make a deposit. That's how it is ***today*** with the big stuff. It's been difficult to wrap my brain around all of it.

But then there is the usual irony. I suppose that's why we call it Life. For some reason, the second chemotherapy session I had three days ago did not leave me exhausted like the first one did. Physically, I feel good. My energy is good. It doesn't make sense. I have added four new anti-oxidants to my already extensive vitamin regimen, but it's difficult to believe they could work this well, or this fast. This evening I went out walking for the first time in weeks. Not that far, less than a half-mile one way, but I felt good. Stopped at a taco stand with lights and reviewed Johnson's *Intellectuals* again. I read it first in September 2004, according to my notes.

Once in a while I would pause and the brain would ask why I should feel this good. Physically sound in a way that I have not felt in weeks. And then the irony. Memory recalled the day when Dr. Kato was first telling me the cancer was back, and that it was aggressive, and that there was no guarantee that chemotherapy would extend my life more than four or five months. He was speaking statistically. Later my wife, who was there with me, told me that she had gotten so nervous that even her feet were sweating.

But when we walked out of the hospital that afternoon it was if I were on a high. I felt as if I had been handed a new adventure. I was looking forward to it. How would I overcome this new challenge? I was literally "high" thinking about this new turn in the journey. And now, today, I feel something of the same. Except this time it is not psychological, but physical. I feel physically sound in a way that is unexplainable, inexplicable. There was a joy in the walking tonight. In the *wanting* to walk. I don't feel sick. What's the matter with me?

Occurred to me to write that maybe I'm having another stroke. But I will spare you. With me it's too often "anything for a laugh."

*** **Today!** Today it's a new story. All Knowing, Our European Webmaster, has reappeared. He's okay. CODOHWeb is back online. It looks terrific. My bank account is up to $640 and I think there is more coming in. And I still feel good. Energetic. I don't understand why. Maybe it's to remain a Mystery, like so much of life.

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